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DUBLIN CASTLE, 6th July, 1798.

LETTERS have been this Day received from Majors General *Needham* and Sir *James Duffe*, dated at *Gorey*, the 5th instant, which state, that they had marched from their different Positions on the Night of the 4th, in order to surprise a large Body of REBELS posted at the *White Heaps*. The REBELS having moved early in the Morning of the 5th from their Post, were met by Sir *James Duffe's* Column at the *Wicklow Gap*, and, after a few Cannon Shot, they retreated.

Sir *James Duffe* pursued;—General *Needham's* Column was at too great a Distance for his Infantry to assist; but his Cavalry joined in the Pursuit, which continued for twelve Miles, when they were stopped on some rising Grounds: Here the Regiments under Sir *James Duffe* coming up, viz. the 89th, the *Louth*, and the *Leitrim*, with their Curricule Guns, the REBELS were put to Flight, with very considerable Slaughter, and dispersed in all Directions.

Major General *Needham* praises the good Conduct of his Aid-de-Camp, Captain *Moore*. Sir *James Duffe* speaks in the highest Terms of the Zeal and spirited good Conduct of the Officers and Men under his Command, and ascribes his Success to the Exertions of the Commanding Officers of the different Corps, and Lieutenant *Hemmings* of the Artillery. The Loss of Sir *James Duffe's* Column was six Men killed, sixteen wounded, and six Horses killed.

It appears from other Letters, that on *Sunday* last a Patrole of Cavalry, under the Command of Colonel *Puleston*, was attacked on their March by a Body of REBELS from behind Hedges contiguous to the Road, and suffered some Loss in Men and Horses.

Major *Ormsby*, of the City of *Limerick* Militia, has reported from *Edenderry*, that on the 30th past, he had attacked a Body of about Three Hundred REBELS, with sixty Infantry and some Yeoman Cavalry, and entirely dispersed them, killing One Hundred. The Action took Place at *Fox's Hill*, six Miles from *Edenderry*. Major *Ormsby* returns his Thanks to Captain *Wakeley*, Lieutenants *Houghton*, *Tyrrell*, and *Barlow*, and to Lieutenant *Rogers*, of the *Northumberland* Fencibles. His Detachment experienced only the Loss of two Horses.

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